

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

CONFERENCE REPORT

EXCERPTS FROM CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005 – H. RPT. 108-792

DIVISION F-- DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS 2005

In implementing this agreement, the Departments and agencies should be guided by the language and instructions set forth in House Report 108-636 accompanying the bill H.R. 5006 and Senate Report 108-345 accompanying the bill, S. 2810.

In the cases where the language and instructions in either report specifically address the allocation of funds, each has been reviewed by the conferees and those that are jointly concurred in have been endorsed in this joint statement.

In the cases in which the House or the Senate have directed the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

The conferees note that section 518 sets forth the reprogramming requirements and limitations for the Departments and agencies funded through this Division, including the requirement to make a written request to the chairmen of the Committees 15 days prior to reprogramming, or to the announcement of intent to reprogram, funds in excess of 10 percent, or \$500,000, whichever is less, between programs, projects and activities.

Finally, the conferees request that statements on the effect of this appropriation Act on the Departments and agencies funded in this Division be submitted to the Committees within 45 days of enactment of this Act. The conferees expect that these statements will provide sufficient detail to show the allocation of funds among programs, projects and activities, particularly in accounts where the final appropriation is different than that of the budget request. Furthermore, the conferees request the statements to also include the effect of the appropriation on any new activities or major initiatives discussed in the budget justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005, put in place by this bill, incorporates the following agreements of the managers:

TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$2,873,802,000 for payments to States for child support enforcement and family support programs, the same as both the House and Senate.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement provides \$2,200,000,000 for low-income home energy assistance rather than \$2,249,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,000,500,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided \$1,900,000,000 is provided for formula grants to States. The House bill had proposed \$1,911,000,000 for State formula grants and the Senate bill proposed \$1,901,090,000. Within the funds available, \$27,500,000 is included for the leveraging incentive fund as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$300,000,000 for the emergency fund to meet the additional home energy assistance needs arising from a natural disaster or other emergency pursuant to section 402 of S. Con. Res. 95 (108th Congress), as made applicable to the House by H. Res. 649 (108th Congress) and applicable to the Senate by section 14007 of Public Law 108-287. The House bill proposed \$100,000,000 and the Senate bill proposed \$99,410,000 for the contingent emergency fund, but neither bill designated funds as an emergency.

The conference agreement does not include funding for the Department of Energy's weatherization assistance program in this title. The House bill proposed \$238,000,000 for this program while the Senate bill included funding for this program in the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Funding for this program is provided in Division J.

REFUGEE AND ENTRANT ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement includes \$488,336,000 for the refugee and entrant assistance programs rather than \$491,336,000 as proposed by the House and \$477,239,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

The conference agreement provides \$166,218,000 for social services, the same level as proposed in the House bill. The Senate had proposed \$155,121,000 for this program. Within the funds provided, the conference agreement includes \$19,000,000 as outlined in the House report. The conferees intend that funds provided above the request for social services shall be used for refugee school impact grants and for additional assistance in resettling and meeting the needs of the Hmong and Somali Bantu refugees expected to arrive during 2004 and 2005. The conferees also urge the Office of Refugee Resettlement to continue supporting discretionary grant activities, such as the individual development

accounts, community service employment, and elderly refugee programs, to the extent they have been successful in integrating refugees into society and promoting their self sufficiency.

The conference agreement provides \$54,229,000 for the unaccompanied minors program, the same level as proposed by both the House and Senate. The conferees intend that the funds provided by this appropriation be used, in part, to increase the number of field coordinators in the program and to ensure increased capacity at the field level for the assessment of placements and family reunification and to continue improvements in the provision of healthcare, including mental health care, to children in the program.

The conference agreement provides \$10,000,000 for the victims of torture program as proposed by the Senate. The House bill had included \$13,000,000 for this program.

PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The conference agreement includes \$2,099,729,000 for the child care and development block grant, the same level as both the House and Senate bills. Included in the bill is \$10,000,000 within the total funds provided, for child care research, demonstration, and evaluation activities as proposed by the Senate. The House bill had included \$9,864,000 for these activities.

SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

The conference agreement provides \$1,700,000,000 for the social services block grant, the same level as proposed in both the House and Senate bills. The conference agreement provides 10 percent transfer authority from the temporary assistance for needy families program (TANF) to the social services block grant as proposed by the Senate. The House bill had proposed 4.5 percent transferability.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$9,080,353,000 for children and families services programs, of which \$10,500,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. The House bill proposed \$8,996,145,000 for these programs with \$10,482,000 from the evaluation set-aside and the Senate proposed \$9,104,646,000 with \$10,500,000 from the evaluation set-aside. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

Head Start

The conference agreement includes \$6,898,580,000 for Head Start as proposed by the House instead of \$6,935,452,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes \$1,400,000,000 in advance funding, the same level as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conference agreement also includes, as a general provision, a limitation against the use of funds for Head Start to pay the compensation of an individual, either as direct costs or any proration as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II, as proposed by the House.

Consolidated Runaway and Homeless Youth Program

The conference agreement includes \$89,447,000 for the consolidated runaway and homeless youth program, the same level as proposed by the House, rather than \$95,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Prevention Grants to Reduce Abuse of Runaway Youth

The conference agreement includes \$15,302,000 for prevention grants to reduce abuse of runaway youth as proposed by the House. The Senate bill had proposed \$15,802,000 for these grants.

Child Abuse State Grants and Discretionary Activities

The conference agreement includes \$27,500,000 for child abuse State grants as proposed by the Senate instead of \$28,484,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes \$31,912,000 for child abuse discretionary programs instead of \$26,266,000 as proposed by the House and \$34,386,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the funds provided for child abuse discretionary activities, the agreement includes the following items:

AGAPE of Central Alabama, Inc., Montgomery, AL, to recruit and train families to foster at-risk children and to expand education and intervention services to pregnant women in crisis	25,000
Alameda County Social Services Agency, Oakland, CA for the Another Road to Safety early intervention and prevention program	650,000
Catholic Community Services of Juneau, AK to continue operations at its Family Resource Center for child abuse prevention and treatment	400,000
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois, Chicago, IL--Child Abuse Prevention Project	171,000
Children's Hospital Foundation, Columbus, OH for the Center for Child and Family Advocacy	400,000
Children's Resource Center, Harrisburg, PA for training, education and services related to child abuse prevention and treatment	100,000
Columbus Children's Hospital Center for Child and Family Advocacy, Columbus, OH, for expansion and research	450,000
Crisis Shelter of Lawrence County, New Castle, PA for anti-domestic violence program	100,000

Domestic Violence HELP, Pittsburgh, PA, to undertake a study of the prevalence and incidence of domestic violence in select clinic populations in Western PA	100,000
Family Violence Prevention Fund, San Francisco, CA for family violence prevention programs for children, youth and young families through its International Center to End Violence	500,000
Forrest County and Youth Court, Hattiesburg, MS to improve child welfare outcomes for infants and toddlers	100,000
James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis, IN, for the Child Abuse Program	25,000
Jefferson County Colorado, Golden, CO to re-engineer its child welfare system	200,000
Lake Erie Research Institute, Inc., (LERI) Girard, PA for their Child Abuse Prevention program	25,000
Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Inc., Sikeston, MO, for the Fatherhood First project	400,000
Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, VA, for the Healthy Families Fairfax program	75,000
State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services to continue its Healthy Families Alaska home visitation program	1,750,000
Stop It Now!, Philadelphia, PA to expand their public education campaign on child abuse	25,000
Synergy Services, Inc., Parkville, MO, to expand treatment for children suffering from Attachment Disorders caused by neglect, child abuse, post traumatic stress disorder and secondary trauma associated with domestic violence, household disruption, and distant parenting	100,000
YMCA Youth and Family Services, San Diego, CA, to provide safe shelter and supportive services to young homeless women	50,000

Abandoned Infants Assistance

The conference agreement provides \$12,052,000 for the abandoned infants assistance program, the same level as proposed by the Senate. The House bill had proposed \$12,086,000 for this program.

Adoption Awareness

The conference agreement includes \$12,906,000 for the adoption awareness program as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Within the funds provided, \$9,906,000 is for the infant adoption awareness training program and \$3,000,000 is for the special needs adoption campaign.

Compassion Capital Fund

The conference agreement includes \$55,000,000 for the compassion capital fund as proposed by the House, instead of \$47,702,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Social Services and Income Maintenance Research

The conference agreement includes \$32,229,000 for social services and income maintenance research, of which \$6,000,000 is provided through the evaluation set-aside. The House proposed \$5,982,000 for this program entirely funded through the evaluation set-aside and the Senate proposed \$19,168,000, of which \$6,000,000 was from the evaluation set-aside.

The conferees note that efforts undertaken through the State information technology consortium have led to greatly improved systems communications and compliance in both the TANF and child support enforcement (CSE) programs. For TANF, the conferees have provided \$2,000,000 to permit States to utilize uniquely designed web-based technology to improve benefit delivery and fulfill new Federal reporting requirements. For CSE, the conferees have provided \$3,000,000 to continue the consortium's efforts to improve data exchange between CSE and the courts in ways that will significantly reduce the time lag between court orders and enforcement/collections activities.

The conferees also provide sufficient funding for the following:

A+ for Abstinence, Waynesboro, PA for abstinence education and related services	45,000
AIDSCARE, Inc., Chicago, IL for social services and related programs at its facilities for people living with AIDS	250,000
Americana Community Center, Inc., Louisville, KY, for community involvement training	19,000
Andrus Children's Center, Yonkers, NY for the Yonkers Early Childhood Initiative	50,000
Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA, for program development at the Molly Bish Center for the Protection of Children and the Elderly	100,000
Annandale Christian Community for Action, Annandale, VA--Child Development Center	50,000
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc., Virginia, MN for the Family to Family community-based mentoring program to assist low-income families	600,000
Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network, Atlanta, GA for the Common Ground day program for adults living with HIV/AIDS	40,000
Best Friends and Best Men Program at the Indian River School District, Sebastian, FL	50,000
Birth Choice Pregnancy Centers, Mission Viejo, CA to support counseling and medical services at three pregnancy centers in Orange County, CA	150,000
Breakaway Ministries, Gadsden, AL, for the Silver Ring Thing Program for abstinence education and related services	80,000

Catholic Social Services, The Bridge, Wilkes Barre, PA for abstinence education and related services	46,000
Cesar Chavez Center, Davenport, IA to assist the Hispanic community in accessing social services and community resources	100,000
Child and Family Network Centers, Alexandria, VA--First Step Program	250,000
Children's Home Society of Idaho, Boise, ID--Idaho Children's Home	200,000
Children's Rights Council, Inc., Hyattsville, MD, for Safe Haven Access sites in Stark County, Ohio	75,000
ChildServ, Chicago, IL--Family Service Center in Lake County	500,000
Christian Family Ministries, Inc., Joliet, IL--Lamb's Fold Women's Center	50,000
City Connect Detroit, Detroit, MI for the Detroit Data Partnership, for data collection and integration and development of data sharing partnerships to support design, implementation and measurement of social and economic development programs	200,000
City of Chester, Bureau of Health, SABER Project, Chester, PA for abstinence education and related services	105,000
Coalition to End Family Violence, Oxnard, CA for family violence prevention and treatment and other social services for youth and families	200,000
Community Empowerment Association, Pittsburgh, PA to provide community re-entry programs	100,000
Community Options, Inc., Princeton, NJ, for the Dr. York Development Project	90,000
Community Services of Stark County, Inc., Canton, OH--``Stark STRONG" (Stark Standing Together Reaching Ohio's New Generation's)	300,000
Concerned Citizens Community Creation Center, Pittsburgh, PA for education, counseling, crisis intervention and other services for at-risk families	240,000
Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies, Wethersfield, CT for the Empowering People for Success welfare-to-work initiative	400,000
Covenant House Alaska to expand services to runaway and homeless youth in the Anchorage, AK area	300,000
Covenant House Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA to provide support services to homeless and runaway youth	25,000
Daily Bread, Melbourne, FL to provide nutritional, mental health and counseling referral services to the working homeless population	50,000
Darkness to Light in Charleston, SC to develop an online training and certification program to prevent child sexual abuse	450,000
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Mechanicsburg, PA for abstinence education and related services	136,000
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries, Tipton, PA for abstinence education and related services	95,000
East Harlem Building for the Community, Inc., New York, NY for its Women's Network to provide counseling, referrals and other services related to domestic	100,000

violence	
Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Clearwater, FL, for Transition to Independence--An Expansion of a Foster Care Pilot Demonstration project serving youth aging out of the foster care system	1,000,000
EDGE Outreach, Louisville, KY, for community outreach programs at The Mission House	30,000
Family First Support Center, Waukegan, IL--Educational Assessment Program	200,000
Food for Life, Glenside, PA to implement a pilot project to monitor children of prisoners and parolees in PA	200,000
Fred Leroy Health and Wellness Center, Omaha, Nebraska, to provide health services to Native Americans in the Northern Ponca Service Unit	250,000
Friends Association, West Chester, PA, to support adoption and foster child services	50,000
Generations of Hope, Rantoul, IL--to replicate the program which is a unique community setting enriching the lives of foster children and the elderly by entwining their daily lives	125,000
George Washington Carver Community Center, Project A.C.E., Norristown, PA for abstinence education and related services	86,000
Girl Scout Totem Council in Seattle, WA, to expand the Fostering A Future program	100,000
Good News Doctor Foundation and the International Child Development Resources Center, Inc., Melbourne, FL to provide care and to develop best practices for children suffering from autism	150,000
Greater Calvary Community Development Corporation, Erie, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, Philadelphia, PA, to provide housing and mortgage assistance, as part of an initiative to stabilize a community	1,000,000
Growth & Development Services, Inc, New York, NY, for support services to at-risk families in Hispanic neighborhoods	50,000
Guidance Center, project RAPPORT, Ridgeway, PA for abstinence education and related services	74,000
Harbor House of Louisville, Inc., Louisville, KY, for a Training and Development Center for individuals with developmental disabilities	50,000
Heart Beat, Millerstown, PA for abstinence education and related services	51,000
Helping Hands Unlimited, Brooklyn, NY for a transitional supportive housing program for women	300,000
HERO Family Resource Center, Greensboro, AL to reduce and prevent teenage pregnancies through the ``Bright Beginnings" program	50,000
Hispanic Counseling Center, Hempstead, NY for domestic violence prevention and intervention programs	140,000
Horizons for Homeless Children, Boston, MA, for mentoring, educational, and social development programs	125,000

Iowa Mentor Center, Sioux City, IA, for programmatic functions and equipment	30,000
Keystone Central School District, Central Mountain Middle School East, Mill Hall, PA for abstinence education and related services	79,000
Keystone Economic Development Corporation, Johnstown, PA for abstinence education and related services	88,000
L.V.C.P.T.P., St Luke's Health Network, CHOICE program, Bethlehem, PA for abstinence education and related services	92,000
Lackawanna Trail School District, Factoryville, PA for abstinence education and related services	74,000
Lady B Ranch, Apple Valley, CA, for a Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program	150,000
LaSalle University, Philadelphia PA for abstinence education and related services	112,000
Life House, Duluth, MN for transitional and supportive housing facilities for youth that are homeless, have mental health or substance abuse problems or are otherwise in need of such services	200,000
Mary's Family, Orlean, VA	75,000
Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA for abstinence education and related services	111,000
Monterey County Probation Department, Salinas, CA for a gang prevention and intervention program	1,300,000
National Energy Assistance Directors Association, Washington, DC for studies regarding low-income home energy assistance	200,000
Neighborhood United Against Drugs, Philadelphia, PA for abstinence education and related services	136,000
Network for Family Life Education, Piscataway, NJ for the Teen-to-Teen Education Project to encourage teens to make responsible choices about sexual health	300,000
New Brighton School District, New Brighton, PA for abstinence education and related services	23,000
Nexus Diversified Community Services in Minneapolis, MN to treat developmentally delayed adolescent males	1,000,000
Nueva Esperanza, Philadelphia, PA for abstinence education and related services	72,000
Ohel Children's Home and Family Services, Brooklyn, NY for school-based programs to prevent substance abuse, violence, child abuse and related problems	340,000
Ohio Educational Television Stations (OETS), Toledo, OH for the Ohio Cares project	200,000
Operation Warm, Chadds Ford, PA--Pennsylvania Youth Coat Distribution Project	125,000
Orange County, Orlando, FL, for Harbor House to provide services to victims of abusive relationships	150,000
Parents Anonymous, Claremont, CA to establish, operate, publicize and	32,000

maintain a national parent helpline, toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for parents throughout the US	
Partners for Healthier Tomorrows, Ephrata, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Partners in Family and Community Development, Athens, PA for abstinence education and related services	72,000
Perseus House, Inc., Erie, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Potter County Court of Common Pleas, Coudersport, PA to implement the Youth/Community project to break the cyclical effect of the dysfunctional family	100,000
Potter County Human Services, Roulette, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Providence House, Shreveport, LA--Child Development Center	166,000
Puerto Rico Administration for Children and Families, San Juan, PR for implementation of automated information systems for child welfare and other programs	600,000
Rape and Victim Assistance Center of Schuylkill County, Pottsville, PA for abstinence education and related services	71,000
Real Alternatives, Harrisburg, PA, for counseling and pregnancy support services	150,000
Real Commitment, Gettysburg, PA for abstinence education and related services	82,000
Resources for Human Development, Inc., Philadelphia, PA to support an outreach project organizing groups focusing on social services to low-income families	25,000
School District of Lancaster, Project IMPACT, Lancaster, PA for abstinence education and related services	101,000
School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA for abstinence education and related services	102,000
Shaw Jewish Community Center of Akron, OH	200,000
Shepherd's Maternity House Inc., East Stroudsburg, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Silver Ring Thing South Carolina, Columbia, SC to establish an innovative abstinence education program	100,000
Silver Ring Thing, Sewickley, PA for abstinence education	75,000
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, OH--Quality Child Care Initiative	100,000
T.O.P.S. FOR YOU, Inc., Brooklyn, NY for services to children and families at the Garrity Post Daycare Center	400,000
To Our Children's Future with Health, Inc., Philadelphia, PA for abstinence education and related services	109,000
Tri County Women's Network, New Carlisle, OH for programs serving pregnant women in crisis who choose to keep their babies learn to become self-sufficient	150,000

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit, McVeytown, PA for abstinence education and related services	84,000
Uhlich Children's Advantage Network, Chicago, IL for programs at its Family Resource Center in Riverdale to increase self-sufficiency, improve parenting skills and reduce family violence among teenage and young adult parents	150,000
United Christian Ministries Inc., Osceola, PA for social services focusing on homeless families	75,000
Urban Family Council, Philadelphia, PA for abstinence education and related services	126,000
Victim Resource Center Inc., Franklin, PA for abstinence education and related services	41,000
Visitation Home, Inc., Yardville, NJ, to support services for developmentally disabled residents	100,000
Volunteers of America/Alaska in Anchorage, AK, in cooperation with the State of Alaska Dept. of Health and Human Services, for a respite camp for children being raised by grandparents in Alaska	200,000
Warren Coalition, Front Royal, VA--Family Care Connections	150,000
Washington Hospital Teen Outreach, Academy for Adolescent Health, Washington, PA for abstinence education and related services	136,000
West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency, Glenwood City, WI for the Western Wisconsin JumpStart Replication Project to assist TANF households in purchasing reliable automobiles to help them secure and maintain employment	300,000
Women's Care Center of Erie County, Inc. to support prenatal medical services to an at-risk population	100,000
Women's Care Center of Erie County, Inc., Abstinence Advantage Program, Erie, PA for abstinence education and related services	136,000
Women's Haven of Tarrant County, Inc., Fort Worth, TX--services at an emergency domestic violence shelter and for a 24-hour emergency hotline	55,000
YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth-McDonald Community Branch, Fort Worth, TX--Together Reaching Unity Concerning Everyone (TRUCE) program	175,000
York County Human Life Services, Inc. York, PA for abstinence education and related services	50,000
Youth Crisis Center, Jacksonville, FL, for family and youth counseling	100,000
YWCA of Bucks County, Trevese, PA to promote strong families, positive youth development and safe communities	50,000
ZERO TO THREE, Washington, DC, for the development of multidisciplinary Court Teams to raise awareness and increase knowledge and skills regarding the needs of maltreated infants and toddlers and their families involved in the child welfare system to include a program in Fort Bend County, Texas	1,000,000

Developmental Disabilities

Within developmental disabilities programs, the conference agreement includes \$38,416,000 for protection and advocacy services as proposed by the House instead of \$40,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees intend that technical assistance be provided through a competitive multiyear grant with a national nonprofit organization that has the demonstrated capacity to carry out these activities. The conferees intend that the technical assistance be responsive to requests from the protection and advocacy network, based on the identified needs of individuals with disabilities and do not intend that technical assistance funds be used for administrative responsibilities of the agency administering the programs.

The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 for voting access for individuals with disabilities as proposed by the House rather than \$14,912,000 as proposed by the Senate. Within the funds provided, \$5,000,000 shall be for State protection and advocacy systems, the same level as proposed by the House rather than \$4,912,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement also includes \$11,642,000 for projects of national significance as proposed by both the House and the Senate. Within the funds for special projects, \$4,000,000 is available to expand the activities of the Family Support Program.

For university centers for excellence in developmental disabilities, the conference agreement includes \$31,803,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$26,803,000 as proposed by the House. The level provides funding for existing centers at the authorized level and will support a new grant competition permitting new centers to join the network.

Native American Programs

The conference agreement includes \$45,157,000 for Native American programs as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$45,155,000 as proposed by the House.

Community Services

The conference agreement includes \$641,935,000 for the community services block grant rather than \$627,500,000 as proposed by the House and \$650,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees direct the Secretary to prepare a 3-year strategic plan for the office of community services use of training and technical assistance funds in the fiscal years 2005-2008, as requested by the House, and should be provided to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations by no later than June 15, 2005.

The conference agreement includes \$33,000,000 for economic development instead of \$32,492,000 as proposed by the House and \$38,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees expect this appropriation to be used for the principal purpose of the program, which is making grants to experienced community development corporations working in low-income urban and rural communities.

Within the total for community economic development, \$5,481,000 is provided for the job opportunities for low-income individuals program authorized by the Family Support Act. The conferees direct that of the funds allocated for the job opportunities for low-income individuals program, not more than \$500,000 be set-aside for program support and technical assistance as proposed by the House. The Senate did not include a similar restriction.

The conference agreement includes \$7,300,000 for rural community facilities instead of \$7,184,000 as proposed by the House and \$7,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides \$18,000,000 for the National youth sports program as proposed by the House. The Senate did not propose funding for this program.

The conference agreement includes \$7,238,000 for community food and nutrition as proposed by the Senate. The House did not propose funding for this program.

Violent Crime Reduction Programs

For the domestic violence hotline, the conference agreement includes \$3,250,000 rather than \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

For family violence prevention and services and battered women's shelters, the conference agreement includes \$126,648,000 instead of \$125,648,000 as proposed by the House and \$128,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Early Learning Fund

For the early learning fund, the conference agreement includes \$36,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include funding for this program.

Independent Living Training Vouchers

The conference agreement includes \$47,000,000 for independent living training vouchers instead of \$50,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$44,734,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Community-based Abstinence Education

The conference agreement includes \$104,500,000 for community-based abstinence education as proposed by the Senate instead of \$109,546,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes \$4,500,000 in program evaluation funds for the abstinence education program and \$100,000,000 in budget authority. The conferees concur with language included in the House report regarding technical assistance and capacity-building support to grantees. The Senate report did not include similar language.

Within the total for community-based abstinence education, up to \$10,000,000 may be used to carry out a national abstinence education campaign as proposed by the House. The Senate proposed \$2,500,000 for the campaign within the Office of the Secretary. Prior to advertising the availability of funds for any grant or contract for the national abstinence education campaign, the conferees request that the Department of Health and Human Services brief the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations regarding the planned use of these funds.

Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives

The conference agreement provides \$1,386,000 for the center for faith-based and community initiatives as proposed by the Senate rather than \$1,400,000 as proposed by the House.

Program Direction

The conference agreement includes \$187,050,000 for program direction instead of \$190,206,000 as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES

The conference agreement includes \$99,383,000 for the discretionary grant program of promoting safe and stable families as proposed by the Senate rather than \$105,000,000 as proposed by the House.

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The conference agreement includes \$371,975,000 for general departmental management instead of \$349,298,000 as proposed by the House and \$376,704,000 as proposed by the Senate, along with \$55,851,000 from Medicare trust funds. In addition, \$21,552,000 in program evaluation funding is provided.

The conference agreement does not include language reducing funding for the account by a total of \$31,000,000, which was contained in the House bill.

The conference agreement includes bill language providing \$13,120,000 for abstinence service demonstration grants as proposed by the House instead of \$16,891,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement does not include bill language identifying \$2,500,000 for a national abstinence education campaign as proposed by the Senate. The conferees provide that up to \$10,000,000 of the funds provided for abstinence education within the Administration for Children and Families may be used for such an education campaign.

General Provisions

HEAD START SALARIES

The conference agreement includes a general provision that prohibits the use of funds for Head Start to pay the compensation of an individual, either as direct costs or any proration as an indirect cost, at a rate in excess of Executive Level II, as proposed by the House. The Senate bill did not contain a similar provision.

EVALUATION TAP AUTHORITY

The conference agreement includes a provision to allow for a 2.4 percent evaluation tap pursuant to section 241 of the Public Health Service Act. This tap is to be applied to programs authorized under the Public Health Service Act. The House bill contained a provision to allow for a 2.3 percent evaluation tap and the Senate bill allowed for a 2.5 percent evaluation tap.

ONE PERCENT TRANSFER AUTHORITY

The conference agreement modifies language proposed by the Senate providing the Secretary of HHS with the authority to transfer up to 1 percent of discretionary funds between a program, project, or activity, but no such program, project or activity shall be increased by more than 3 percent by any such transfer. Additionally, a program, project or activity may be increased up to an additional 2 percent subject to written approval of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

REFUGEE STATUS OF CERTAIN PERSECUTED GROUPS

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate to extend the refugee status for persecuted religious groups. The House bill contained no similar provision. The conferees intend to fully protect religious minority refugee applicants from Iran, including the current caseload of Iranian Christians, Jews, Bahai, Mandeans and Zoroastrians. Therefore, the Administration should implement the provisions of section 213 of the conference report with respect to new applications, as well as to review previously denied applications for refugee applicants who have remained outside of Iran without a viable solution after being denied refugee status.

TITLE V--GENERAL PROVISIONS

ACROSS-THE-BOARD SALARIES AND EXPENSES REDUCTION

The conference agreement includes a new provision to reduce salaries and expenses of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education by \$18,000,000.